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City of Salisbury Sues Contractor Over Fiber Optic Cable Lines

Salisbury, N.C. — (Tuesday, May 17, 2016) The City of Salisbury filed a lawsuit today against the company that installed the cables for the City's fiber optic network.

The complaint alleges that Atlantic Group of North Carolina, Inc., breached the Agreement for Fiber Optic Design and Construction Services ("Contract") with the City by failing to complete the construction work by the deadlines required by the Contract, and failing to locate fiber optic cable lines with sufficient ground clearance and sufficient distance from power lines. To protect city residents and taxpayers, the city is seeking to recover funds to correct the work, estimated to cost more than one million dollars, although for legal reasons the complaint does not specify a dollar amount other than an amount "in excess of \$25,000." The complaint also includes claims against Atlantic's parent company Atlantic Engineering Group, Inc. and the insurance company who bonded the work, Safeco Insurance Company of America.

The concerns with Atlantic's work do not affect the performance of the fiber optic system, which is therefore not addressed in the lawsuit. Fibrant has delivered quality high-speed broadband connections to city residents and businesses through the fiber optic network for more than four years. This service will not be affected by the lawsuit or the network repairs that will occur.

The City of Salisbury, America's first 10-gigabit city, is located in the heart of the Piedmont region of North Carolina, midway between Charlotte and Greensboro. Salisbury is the county seat of Rowan County, and provides a full range of municipal services, including law enforcement, fire protection, zoning and code enforcement and water and sewer systems. For more information regarding the City of Salisbury and its services and departments, please visit us on the web at www.salisburync.gov. To receive updates regarding local initiatives, meetings, programs and events, please follow us on Twitter at @CitySalisburyNC and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC>.

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